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Illustrious Noble Charles T. Cahill Elected Potentate of Aleppo Temple

4000 Nobles Attend Annual Meeting As Twenty-eight Are Created Nobles

THE Annual Session of Aleppo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was opened in Talbot Hall, Mechanics Building, Boston, Massachusetts on Friday, January 28, 1938 at 4:00 oclock p. m., by Illustrious Potentate Harry G. Pollard, assisted by his elected and appointed officers.

Upon motion duly seconded, the annual reports of the Treasurer, Recorder and Trustees of the Permanent Fund were unanimously approved. Upon motion duly seconded the records of the November 1937 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

A list of twenty-eight aspirants for the Order and nine affiliations of membership was read and a ballot being spread they were elected and initiated into the Order by the Ritualistic Degree Team who gave a beautiful and perfect rendition of the ritual of the Mystic Shrine.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Following the initiation of candidates, there being no further business to come before this meeting, it was adjourned, to be called in session at 6:45 p. m. in Grand Hall.



ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE CHARLES T. CAHILL

Following the afternoon session the banquet hall was opened and a "Seiler's" buffet dinner was served from five until seven o'clock p. m., by the Stewards.

From 6:15 to 7:00 p. m., the Aleppo Band entertained with a band concert in Grand Hall.

At 7:00 p. m., the Temple was again called to order in Grand Hall for the purpose of conducting the annual election of officers for the year 1938. The meeting which was conducted by Potentate Harry G. Pollard resulted in the unanimous election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

Potentate, Charles T. Cahill Chief Rabban, James J. Curry Assistant Rabban, Robert G. Wilson, Jr. High Priest and Prophet, WILLARD P. LOMBARD

Oriental Guide, ARTHUR A. SONDHEIM

Treasurer, Frank W. Morrill Recorder, Walter W. Morrison

Trustee of the Permanent Fund for three years, William Spottiswoode

Representatives to the Imperial Council for 1938, Harry G. Pollard, Fred E. Bolton, Charles T. Cahill, James J. Curry

The above officers were nominated by Recorder Walter W. Morrison, with the exception of Noble Morrison, who was nominated by Past Potentate McKenzie.

The officers as elected, with the exception of the Illustrious Potentate, were then installed into office by retiring Potentate Harry G. Pollard. The Potentate-elect was not able to attend the ceremonial, being confined to his home with illness.

Following the installation Past Potentate Frank A. North presented the retiring Potentate, Harry G. Pollard with a very beautiful Past Potentate's jewel.

Illustrious Noble Pollard thanked the nobility for the jewel and for their support the past year. In his remarks to the members he said that he had enjoyed being Potentate of Aleppo more than any other Masonic office he had ever held.

There being no further business to come before the Temple, the meeting was adjourned and closed in form by Chief Rabban James J. Curry.

Following the meeting the 4,000 Nobles present enjoyed an evening's entertainment of vaudeville under the direction of Noble Charles W. Pike.



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MY DUTY TO MY TEMPLE

WHEN you have looked over the officers, uniform units and committeemen comprising the active working force of Aleppo Temple, you can set back in your chair—in case your name is not included—and say to yourself, "there is a crowd of Nobles working for me and in the interest of Shrinedom, that any man would be proud to have on his payroll.

"I am a Noble. Therefore I am the most important man in the Temple. Nobody is more important than a Noble because a Noble makes Potentates, Chief Rabbans and all of the other officers who serve our Order.

"Now, since I am personally responsible for this group of officers whom I have helped select to run the Temple, I must do a little serving myself by giving them complete co-operation and assistance in the work at hand, to the end that Aleppo Temple will be looked upon as being the best fraternal organization in this locality. With this in mind I must procure candidates for our officers to display their work upon. For after all new members are the backbone, life, and the assurance of the continuance of any organization. must pay my dues and attend every meeting and function of the Temple and urge others to do likewise. It is also my duty to see that our officers get some ideas, suggestions and support from me.

"It makes no difference how much money I have put into the Temple, or how many years I have been a Noble—the whole structure can and will collapse, if I, and other Nobles like me, do not square up and perform our duties as members of the greatest fraternal organization in the world.

"I must serve, for as I serve, others will serve me."

THE SHRINE EMBLEM

UPON request we are printing the following description of the emblems of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, as outlined in the by-laws of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., and the History of the Order.

The emblems and jewels of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are the characteristic insignia of the Oriental nation from which the Order emanates. They are the Crescent, Pyramid, Sphinx Head, Panther-bodied Female Sphinx, the Urn, Sun, Moon and Stars. The official colors of the Order are red, green and yellow.

The original and universal emblematic jewel is the Crescent, formed of two nails from a tiger's paw, united at their base with a band of gold, and a ring at the base to suspend it as a charm or jewel, and to be hung points downward. The most valued claws are those of the Royal Bengal tiger. The gold band should be decorated with the Sphinx Head on one side and a Pyramid with Urn upon it on the other side.

The Crescent has been a favorite religious emblem in all ages in the Orient. The ancient Greeks used the Crescent as an emblem of the universal Mother of all living things. The secret knowledge symbolized by the Crescent has always had its devotees, in every age, in all civilized countries, and it is yet the master-key to all wisdom.

For esoteric reasons we hang the horns of the Shrine Crescent pointing downward, representing the setting moon of the old faith at the moment of the rising sun of the new faith in the brotherhood of all mankind—the essential unity of humanity as of one blood, the children of one fatherhood.

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A PECULIAR reason for refusing to transport any road-thumbers was made by a man who said he was convinced that practically all the people who sought rides were better off right where they were than they would be in another town.

This observation recalls one of Abraham Lincoln's letters to his stepmother's son, John D. Johnston. It was written in 1851, as follows:

"Dear Brother:

"When I came to Charleston day before yesterday, I learned that you are anxious to sell the land where you live and move to Missouri. I have been thinking of this ever since, and cannot but think such a notion is utterly foolish.

"What can you do in Missouri better than here? Is the land any richer? Can you there, any more than here, raise corn and wheat and oats without work? Will anybody there, any more than here, do your work for you?

"If you intend to go to work, there is no better place than right where you are; if you do not intend to go to work, you cannot get along anywhere. Squirming and crawling about from place to place can do no good. You have raised no corn this year; and what you really want is to sell the land, get the money, and spend it. Part with the land you have, and, my life upon it, you will never after own a spot big enough to bury you in. Half you will get for the land you will spend in moving to Missouri, and the other half you will eat, drink, and wear out, and no foot of land will be bought.

"Now, do not misunderstand this letter; I do not write it in any unkindness. I write it in order, if possible, to get you to face the truth, which truth is, you are destitute because you have idled away all your time. Your thousand pretenses for not getting along better are all nonsense; they deceive nobody but yourself. Go to work is the only cure for your case."

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"DEAR NOBLES WALTER MORRISON AND HARVEY LEGGEE:

"You will see by these few lines that I am still going strong in my 85th year and I must say that my health is better than it ever was. I do a little puttering in the garden and have no kick coming. I have two sons. One of them is a past master of Wayfarers Lodge of Swampscott, Massachusetts.

"I joined Aleppo Temple May 13, 1896, so you can see I am an old timer. If there are any Nobles near here I would like to know their address. I am about one hour from Los Angeles by bus and electric car.

"I hope Aleppo Temple will have a good year in 1938, and that I will see you both here at the Imperial Council meet-

ing next June.
"Hoping this will find you both in the best of health, and with best wishes, I am,

"Yours truly,

"JAMES SOUTTER."

"DEAR WALTER:

"Please change my address from Cambridge to Box 182, Chatham, Massachusetts. I have lived in Cambridge for 67

"I am an old timer in Aleppo Temple. My card number is 765 and I joined November 5, 1894. I enjoy the Aleppo News very much. "Wishing you a Happy New Year,

I am,

"Fraternally yours,

"NATHANIEL J. DEER."

"DEAR RECORDER:

"Enclosed find check for 1938 dues,

"I am now retired after 53 years of railroad service. I have been an engineer for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for 46 years.

"We are at Harrington, Maine, on U. S. Highway No. 1. The hunting and fishing

in this vicinity are very good. "Yours fraternally,

"CHARLES H. WEEKS, JR."

The following letter comes from one of our Nobles in Hawaii.

"DEAR NOBLE LEGGEE:

"I am a Life Member of Aleppo and have been out here for the past 17 years. I have a fine beach home here and some time ago Noble C. W. Cannon built a home beside mine. By chance I found out that he is a member of Aleppo. It seems queer that two members of Aleppo should be living together away out here in the same block. He is conducting a Business College here and likes it very much. I believe his friends in Aleppo will be interested.

"I am going to Los Angeles with Aloha Temple Patrol, of which I am a guest member, and hope to see some of the boys of Aleppo there at the Imperial Council Meeting.

"Yours in the Faith, "ATWOOD B. HOBBS, "Waimanalo Oahu, Hawaii."

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PAST POTENTATE C. J. McKENZIE HONORED BY M. C. M. A.

MOST recent of the portraits of Past Presidents of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, to be hung in the offices of the Association is that of Mr. Clarence J. McKenzie, its President. The portrait of Mr. McKenzie who is Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple was painted by Jacob Binder, a wellknown Boston artist, and was unveiled recently with appropriate ceremonies.

The portrait of Noble McKenzie is the 46th in the collection of past presidents of the association, all of whom were prominent business men of Boston the



PORTRAIT OF PAST POTENTATE CLARENCE J. McKENZIE

(Photo Courtesy of Boston Globe)

past 100 years, including the first president, Paul Revere.

Speaking of the portrait the Boston Post says:

"A fine, dignified likeness, excellently painted, with simplicity, directness, sincerity and a genuine feeling of vitality and force, this portrait of the prominent and widely-known Mr. McKenzie now hangs with those of many former chief officials."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

BRAHAM LINCOLN, Beloved lead-A er-Masonic in principle, practice and precept . . . not a member of the Craft . . . but he would have been, had not death overtaken him before the expiration of his second term as President of the United States. . . . A sincere tribute to the memory of so great a man.

Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg and his familiar utterances have been so replete with the principles of Masonry that Masonic students had many times about

concluded that he was a Mason, and searched dilgently among the near obliterations of many Masonic chronicles of Civil War time for the facts of his affilia-

This diligent search has been rewarded, for among the records of Tyrian Lodge, Springfield, Illinois, has been found a reference to his petition for membership in that body, a petition which he delayed passing in until he should have retired from the Presidency.

Three days after his assassination, Tyrian Lodge adopted the following reso-

"Resolved, that the decision of President Lincoln to postpone his application for the honors of Masonry, lest his motives should be misconstrued, is in the highest degree honorable to his memory."

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By Noble Charles C. Fearing Associate Editor

"HOW DEAR TO THE HEART ARE THE SCENES OF OUR CHILDHOOD"

T seems like old times to have the band I T seems like old times to have the same week, but that's what happened in January.

First was the Community Chest Drive in Mechanics Hall on January 24. About 100 of the boys donned their little red coats and fezzes to do their bit in aiding this great undertaking. We were in distinguished company, too, with the Gov-ernor, the Mayor of Boston, the new Ambassador to Great Britain, etc., seated on the platform. No wonder the boys "blew themselves." It was a big event and the band measured up to expectations.

Then came the annual meeting on the 28th. The band was on duty from 6.30 until 8 o'clock, then they were called from labor to refreshments-and such refreshments. Girls in all degrees of dress. We noticed a lot of the older boys had ringside seats, right down in the bald-headed row. But it was a good show with plenty of dancing and gymnastics.

Through the courtesy of Noble Crooke, of Abington, we were not obliged to wait until the midnight train, as he very kindly brought us home in his car. It was a very congenial party as there was a continual "feast of reason and flow of soul." can still hear the peals of laughter emanating from Noble "Len" Bicknell when someone in the crowd perpetrated a funny story.

Noble Frank Warren is one of those guys who never knows where his clothes are, as he never leaves 'em twice in the We wonder how he ever same place. gets dressed in the morning in time for work without the services of a valet, or perhaps we should say an expert detective. Whenever Frank shows up for a full dress band function the first question he asks is "Where the uniform?" Watta man!

One night not so long ago, when we returned home for our frugal evening meal, our better-half handed us a picture post card and inquired "Who is Kimmie?" Right away we knew the great American Traveler was on a winter cruise again. Sure enough, there was the postmark Bermuda, a picture of a flock of penguins, and a message of greeting from "Kimmie," better known in the higher walks of Shrinedom as Noble Ernest We are also indebted to Kimball. "Kimmie" for a beautiful book on The "Early American Architecture." pictures are so life-like and true to form that they brought back those familiar lines "How dear to the heart are the scenes of my childhood." In fact we could almost detect the odor of "sweet peas" once more.

Nobles Walter Leavitt and his Dad Charlie are certainly good Samaritans, and proved it on the night of the Community Chest drive by taking pity on several of us poor guys living down South Shore way. They piled us into their cars and gave us a lift home. But Noble "Karl," who runs a garage in Wollaston, insisted on showing us some true hospitality when we arrived in his home town. The fraternal spirit is still alive, as we can cheerfully attest.

We regret to announce the death of one of our boys. The Black Camel visited the tent of Noble Walter Wolfe January 8th. Noble Wolfe was one of the old members of the flute section, was a faithful attendant at rehearsals, and always on the job when the band turned out. He was President of the Pinkham & Smith Co., dealers in optical goods, and was an expert on lenses. He was a leader in his profession. His funeral was held on January 11 in the Greenwood section of Wakefield, and a large delegation from the band attended. To his bereaved wife and family we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.



THE ART OF BEING A GOOD LOSER

By C. F. MARKS

THE month of February will always be a particularly bright spot to students of American history, because of the two great men who have done much to shape our national and spiritual life, whose birthday anniversaries occur in this shortest month of the year-George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

As we review the record of their lives today we know them as men who achieved success, but, they also knew the meaning of failure and, what is more, acquired the art of being good losers.

The Lincoln-Douglas debate, which featured the contest for the Senatorship, ended with Stephen A. Douglas the victor. A prominent historian, writing of it says: "The defeated candidate walking home in the rainy election night caught himself as he was about to lose his footing and, in his superstitious vein, drew from the incident an omen: 'It is a slip and not a fall.' And Mr. Lincoln kept his own counsel."

It was the Roman statesman, Marcus Porcius Cato, who uttered these words of wisdom: "The first virtue is to restrain the tongue; he approaches nearest to the gods who knows how to be silent, even though he is in the right."

Some one has truly said that Life is made up of Sobs, Sniffs and Smiles, with Sniffles predominating; and I challenge my readers with this thought, that he who in his hour of defeat indulges in Sniffles and Chatter, whether he be the student who has failed in a Regent's test, or the fraternal brother who comes off second best in a contest for office, might well develop the art of being a good loser. We seldom repent talking too little, but very often talking too much, and the good loser keeps silent.

Lincoln was known as a story teller and many are the humorous anecdotes attributed to him. Of late years in my study of his life, I have come to believe that he told these stories to awaken a laugh, not only on the part of his hearers, but in his own breast. That story, with its resultant laugh, stifled self-pity, nerved him for the next try for the goal, and kept his real friends loyal to him.

All of us meet with disappointments in life, some of them being a veritable Waterloo, but Sniffles and Chatter will never produce a comeback for any loser.



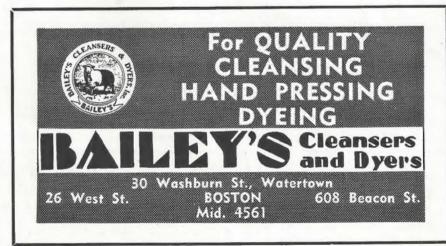
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MAYOR TOBIN GUEST SPEAKER AT SHRINE LUNCHEON

MAYOR Maurice J. Tobin of Boston was the guest speaker at the Aleppo Temple luncheon, held at the Boston City Club, Tuesday, January 25, 1938.

The luncheon, which was the first of the 1938 season, was attended by approximately 400 Nobles and friends.

In his address Mayor Tobin said that he planned an intensive tax-collecting drive within a short time to help Boston's financial situation. "With the large number of tax titles expected to be taken over this year, the city will virtually go into the real estate business," the Mayor said. "Every bit of property on which taxes have been unpaid will be taken over and sold by the city through Land Court procedure."

The luncheon was presided over by Junior Past Potentate Harry G. Pollard.

Due to the fourth Tuesday in February coming on a holiday, the luncheon for this month will be omitted.



MAYOR MAURICE J. TOBIN, GUEST SPEAKER AT ALEPPO TEMPLE LUNCHEON. Left to right: NOBLE FORREST HULL, MAYOR TOBIN, PAST POTENTATE HARRY G. POLLARD, ASST. RECORDER HARVEY B. LEGGEE, TREASURER FRANK W. MORRILL, CHIEF RABBAN JAMES J. CURRY.

(Photo Courtesy of Boston Globe)

MORE NOBLES IN THE SUNNY SOUTH

IN last month's issue we listed the names of some of the Nobles who were basking in the sun at Florida. We have since heard from others who choose to have their "winter sports" on the beaches in the Southland.

Noble Frank A. Perry of W. Somerville writes us from St. Petersburg, enclosing a check for his card, saying that he wishes the card to enable him to attend the Shrine Day at Tampa, February 3, and also participate in the trip to Havana, March 13, which is being sponsored by the Shrine Club of St. Petersburg, Noble Perry, who will return home in May, is stopping at 850 8th Avenue, South, in "St. Pete." He also says in his letter (and of course this is off the record), "the weather has been a little rainy and cool for the past few days but hope it will warm up soon."

Noble Frank N. Belcher of Winthrop asks for his card to be rushed to 1431 East Gore Avenue, Orlando, where he is vacationing.

Noble Norris Pilling of Bradford sends the following message from 235 4th Avenue, South, St. Petersburg: "Kindly send my card to the above address. This is a beautiful city and the weather is perfect. Sunshine, palms and flowers everywhere, but I miss the ceremonials."

Noble William Hiltz of East Weymouth sends his check for dues and asks to have the card returned to 633 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin, Florida, as he hopes to use it at the "big affair at Tampa, February 3." He also says that they are enjoying fine warm weather with the temperature in the 70's.

Noble Harry L. Porter also sends his check for dues and asks to have the card returned to 325 15th Avenue, N.E., St. Petersburg, as he also wishes to attend the ceremonial at Tampa, February 3.

It will look like Aleppo night at Tampa, February 3, with all the visiting Nobles from New England.

Other Nobles stopping at St. Petersburg are: John Davidson of Clinton, at 125 12th Avenue, N.E.; Edward H. Gallup of Hyde Park at 1134 9th Avenue, So.; Arthur E. Linnell of Wollaston at 546 14th Avenue, N.E.; Roland D. A. Thompson of Auburndale at Boca Ciego Inn; Albert L. Tompkins of Allston at 436 4th Avenue, So.; Edgar A. Tapley of Concord, N. H., at Treasure Village, and Dr. Frederick H. Williams of Boston whose address is Box 2065.

Thomas Cogger of Saugus, the well-known florist on the Newburyport Turn-pike, asks to have his card sent to Saugus in a hurry as he is leaving for the Sunshine City to be gone six weeks.

Noble Frederick E. Greenlay of Haverhill is stopping at Orlando, Florida, and Noble S. F. Perkins of Chappaqua, N. Y., is at 393 Floyd Avenue, Sarasota.

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By Noble J. Arthur McCov, Associate Editor

THE Patrol marches on,-Another year starts with the re-enlistment of the members of the uniformed units and with the advent of the new administration, January 28. It means a forward movement rather than a reorganization and there are but few changes in the personnel. It is the off-hand opinion of Noble Frank Morrill that the average period of membership on the patrol is well over 10 years. There is now, and there always has been opportunity for new members that are eligible, but it is a fact that the majority of those who became members on the patrol more than ten years ago, are still on the rolls. Such association together by these clubable fellows engenders strong friendships and an esprit de corps that is hard to break. It is probable that such an efficient unit, composed of mature business men, can be developed only over a period of years. So, it may be expected that this marching unit of loyal men, led by the best commander that can be found anywhere, will make new highs in efficiency during the coming year.

High jinks at Lewiston,-

Lieut. Gould's second platoon participated in the Ceremonial festivities of Kora Temple on January 14. Under the guidance of Nobles Ells and Lynn, the full unit left Boston at 12 noon Friday, arriving at Lewiston at 2:45. Having been invited by the Potentate to put on an exhibition drill, they put on their show after Kora's patrol work, and it was well received. Noble Alec Campbell of the fourth platoon, went along as a super-numery, but it is reported that he retired to the hotel to prepare a forthcoming Masonic address and did not reappear until the platoon had put on its drill and was being applauded. The Kora Nobles, as usual, were perfect hosts and our boys were dined and entertained until a late hour. Most of the members re-mained in Lewiston overnight and returned to Boston, Saturday at 2:30.

Noble Marshall in Florida,-

The fourth platoon and the insurance business will just have to get along somehow without Fred Marshall during the month of February. His regular quarterly vacation is spent on the sands at Florida.

Wedding bells for Noble Hight,-

We haven't all the records but we are just as sincere as if we had in congratulating Noble and Mrs. Herbert G. Hight, on their recent marriage. We know that we can speak for the whole patrol in extending our best wishes for them both and "the best of the bestest."

And Noble Herb Single, too,-

What a temptation for a play on words in reporting the marriage of Noble Herbert Single and Miss Lillian Cairns! The wedding occurred at Quincy, January 16, 1938, and they will make their home at 41 Jenness Street, Quincy, after February 1. We'll refrain from any jingle and wish for you everything that is desired for your fullest happiness.

Noble Alec. Campbell to be feted,-

A big meeting is expected at St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter, Broadway, South Boston, on February 14, when Alec. Campbell's companions meet as a tribute to him on his recent election as Grand Scribe of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts. The Capitular Masons of the patrol are invited and will make a goodly delegation. Noble Lester Boyce is the presiding officer of St. Matthew's and Noble George Weeks is chairman of arrangements.

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MY SHRINE

TAKE away my rare possessions, strip me bare of things I own; count for naught my few obsessions, feed me just a crust or bone. Tho you mock me with your jeering, tho my wounds you rub with brine, I'll keep smiling never fearing, for I'm a member of the Shrine.

In its warmth I'll find my pleasure and new strength to rout defeat, it holds memories I treasure and my friendships there are sweet. These are things you cannot plunder, they'll stand by me to the end, for I love them and, by thunder! they are things that I'll defend. Life has handed me some sorrows that I've had to take and bear, and I've shuddered at tomorrows, looking forward with despair; but regardless of my feelings in Aleppo I'm ever at peace; when my smoke curls to its ceilings, then my cares and worries cease.

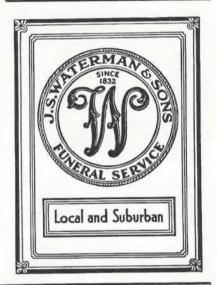
There Nobles will gather 'round me in companionship that's fine, they will cheer me not confound me in this Aleppo Temple of mine. There's an atmosphere that's homey from its basement to its roof, Nobles there are glad to know me and they never keep aloof. There's a warm and sincere greeting and a cheery "How d'ye do!" from everyone you're meeting including me and you.

It's a place where men are loyal, where they cheer the kiddies' blues, and my dividends are royal from the cash I spend for dues. So altho some try to break me, by the gods they never can, for my Shrine will not forsake me, just as long as I am a man.

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BOWLING NEWS

By VAIL K. HAAK Associate Editor

THE hit song of the month, "The Shrine Bowling League just keeps rolling along." To keep it rolling everybody must co-operate and co-operation means attendance at matches. The officers are not finding any fault as the attendance has been very good this year but why not make it 100 per cent instead of 99 and 3/4.

At this writing there remains just 6 more matches for each team, so let us all finish the season with a blaze of glory and then when we sit down at the festive board at the end of the season say we have done our part to help put Aleppo on the map in the bowling line.

"To the victor belongs the spoils." So this column is forced to give President Jim Greig honorable mention again because of his average of 117. Jim is so far out in front of the pack at present that he could almost break his arm and

still be on top for the prize.

Jim incidentally has the "high three" of 379. Gordon is right behind with 374. High single is still held jointly by Rogers and the writer. Team 1, captained by Herb Grutchfield, has moved into the lead by a very good margin and I predict that the way they are bowling that they are a cinch to capture the bunting.

The Aleppo team in the Amateur Boston Pin League is now holding down 4th place and are doing real well for their first year in the league. Capt. Hansis has been nursing a sore leg the last month but as soon as the limb is restored to good standing, we expect him to start going to town again.

After the Shrine luncheon Jim Greig and I looked over a couple of slick candidates for the league. Ted Harvey and Charlie Churchill of the First Platoon. Really they aren't bad and I expect they will report to the alleys in the near future.

Well Au Revoir for this month. The next edition should just about tell the story of the prize winners.

Ed. Note. - We understand that our correspondent, Noble Haak, has one for Ripley-Believe it or not, he bowled three strings the other night in the league for a score of 330 and didn't get a spare,-he had five strikes.

MAN'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT

BY JAMES MANKIVELL

"Osman Mecca"

PATRIOT and Noble of the Mystic A Shrine recently gave utterance to the following: "As a buck private I learned the lessons of duty and loyalty and with the passing of the years I learned an equally important lesson that the greatest achievement of any man is to render service to his fellow citizens."

If the Masonic Order and the Order of the Mystic Shrine do not teach these principles of life they do not teach any-The Masonic Order and the thing. Shrine have on their rosters the names of many Masons and Nobles, past and present, whose motto in life has been I know many of them personally-I know something of the sacrifices they have made and are making now for Masonry and Shrinedom. Why do they do it? Is it for the hope of material reward—No! Is it for fame or glory— No! I'll tell you it is a burning passion for service. They consider life as an opportunity to make an unselfish contribution to humanity of which they are a part.

They love humanity and want to serve it. They know that all else is "vanity and vexation of spirit." They have learned the purpose and meaning of life. They fully realize that "the greatest achievement of any man is to render service to his fellow men" and are doing it. They know, as did Henry Drummond, who once said: "I shall pass through this world but once, any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being let me do it now; let me not defer it for I shall not pass this way again.' They thank God every morning when they get up that they have something to do which must be done-whether they like it or not.

They know that blessed is the man who is driven and forced to do his best, that it will breed in him moderation ("nothing too much"), self-control, diligence, strength of will, contentment and a diligence, hundred other virtues which the idle or selfish man never knows.

The reason I am writing this article

this hot Saturday night, temperature at 87°, is because I am driven by a promise. I hope, dear reader, it will help you as it has helped me. Anything that makes us think and work is always worthwhile. I am thinking of that great Mason and Patriot, Benjamin Franklin, who was driven as few men are driven. Franklin gave all of one-half of his life to service for his fellow citizens, retiring from business at forty-two to devote the remaining years of his life to public service. He died at 84. It is said that Benjamin Franklin was "a servant, citizen and patriot such as no other Country ever had in the history of Man." He excelled in over thirty trades, professions and sciences—truly he was a master Mason in every sense of the word. Such was one man's contribution to his fellowmen. Franklin had only two years of school-What made the difference? Not many of us are so well fixed financially at forty-two or at any other age to retire and give our time to public service, but as we journey through life we can work by the way. We can cut out some work by the way. of the non-essentials and devote some part of our time to unselfish service. Why not?

There is no satisfaction like that which comes to one after having rendered an unselfish service to his fellows. Inasmuch as we brought nothing into this world and we will leave it personally, as poor as when we entered it-then why not leave something that will live in the hearts of our fellowmen-something that will go on indefinitely touching and helping other lives. Only through unselfish service may we do this. Who can measure the intangible things of life? After all are they not the most precious -"for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

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NARY A COMPLAINT

No one ever heard him complain about hard times. He took life as it came, with nary a yip. When he heard folks complaining about hard times, he just couldn't stand it. And so he sat himself down, pen in hand, and wrote these thoughts:

"I was born eight miles from a railroad near Camden, South Carolina, five miles from a schoolhouse, nine miles from a church, 762 miles from New York, 200 yards from a wash hole, 15 feet from a cornfield and 8,767 miles from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"Our nearest neighbors lived two miles away and they couldn't read or write. never saw a suit of underwear until I was 17 years old, and that revelation didn't belong to anybody in our family. The only books in the house during my early childhood were a family Bible and

a Sears-Roebuck catalog.
"There were ten members in our family, but, you see, we had three rooms to live in, including a dining room, which was also the kitchen. Everybody worked at our house. We thought everybody else in the world had gravy and bread for breakfast, liver and cracklin' hoecake for dinner, buttermilk and corn pone for supper, 'cause that's what we had-and liked it.

"Some of us wore brogan shoes occasionally in the winter time. We had nice white shorts for summertime use. We slept on straw ticks, and pillows were not thought of or required. I didn't know that money would rattle until I was nearly grown. Father got hold of two half-dollars at the same time, and let us hear them rattle. Taxes were not higher, but harder to pay than now.

We owned two kerosene lamps, neither of which had a chimney. Our house wasn't ceiled, but two of our rooms had lofts in them. We had a glass window in our company room. Our nicest piece of furniture was a homemade rocking chair. Our beds were of the slat or tight-rope variety. The 'trundle bed' took care of all the 'yunguns' under five years of age, and it stayed full all the time.

"We went to school two or three months in the year, but not in a bus. We attended church once a month, but not in a car; we used a two-mule wagon. dressed up on Sundays, but not in silks or We neither wrote letters nor resatins. ceived any. We made our own lye hom-iny, distilled our own lye from our own ash-hopper. We drank sassafras tea and never had a yearning for coffee.

"We sopped our own molasses; we ate our own meat; we considered rice a delicacy for only the preachers to eat; we had heard of cheese, but never saw any; we knew of some store-bought clothes, but never hoped to wear any; we got a stick of candy and three raisins for Christmas and were happy; we loved ma and pa and were never hungry; enjoyed going naked; didn't want much, expected nothing. That is why our so-called hard times ain't hard on me."

TWO HUNTERS

"Hey, Bill:" "Yeah?" "Are you all right?"
"Yeah." "Then I've shot a bear."

Tob: "What did the doctor tell you was the matter with your stomach?"

Tim: "He told me I was suffering from acute indiscretion."